finalised towards the end of preceding calendar year. The restructuring of the economy and the foreign trade responsibilities between the Union and the Republics of the Soviet Union has made the internal situation in the USSR fluid and uncertain. Efforts are, however, being made to finalise the 1992 trade protocol as soon as possible.

(c) The latest statistics indicating Indo-Soviet trade in 1991 as against the trade plan provisions are summarised below:-

(Rs. in Million)

	Trade Plan Provisions	*Actuals (Jan-September '91*)*
Exports	50810	28494
Imports	43300	18454

The DGCI&S provisional data is available only for the period Jan-September'91. As such the trade figures as on 10th November, 1991 are not yet available

European Community Investments

3637. SHRI R. SURENDER REDDY: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether India and the European Economic Community countries have signed an agreement for paving way towards promoting European Community investments in the country;

(b) if so, the main features of the agreement; and

(c) the time by which the agreement is likely to be implemented?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI RAMESHWAR THAKUR): (a) to (c). Export Import Bank, Industrial Credit and Investment Corporation of India and Industrial Development Bank of India each have signed framework agreements with the European Community under the European Community International Investment partners Financial Institutions Scheme. Under these agreements European Community Investment in Joint Ventures in India will be channelised through these 3 financial institutions. These investments will be mainly in the small scale and medium scale sector.

Seniority to Ex-service Officers In Nationalised Banks

3638. SHRI K.V. THANGKA BALU: SHRI PRAKASH V. PATIL:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have received numerous representations regarding grant of seniority to Ex-Service Officers working in nationalised banks;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government propose to extend seniority benefits to such Ex-Service Officers;

(d) if so, the steps taken in this regard so far; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI DALBIR SINGH): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (e). Banking Division in the Department of Economic Affairs, Ministry of Finance had advised all the Public Sector Banks and Financial Institutions. under its